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MARY THE MAYORESS IS STILL AT SCHOOL

Mary Harkin, of Batley, Yorkshire, will become one of England's youngest Mayoresses when the golden chain of office is placed round her shoulders next Monday. As previously announced in C.N. this 13-year-old schoolgirl was chosen to be Mayoress by her uncle, Councillor James Harkin, who will, of course, be the new Mayor.

Mary, eldest of a family of seven, has been having an exciting time. In early March she met and had tea with film stars John Gregson and Susan Stephen, when they visited Batley to make the film *Value For Money*, and she was kept very busy collecting autographs for all her school friends.

Then, at the end of March, Mary appeared on television in the panel game *Guess My Story* and beat the panel of experts.

"I was rather nervous about appearing before the cameras," she said afterwards, "but once I had answered the first two or three questions everything seemed all right."

Mary plans to wear her school uniform of blue and grey for day engagements, and for the evening,



simply-styled, ballerina-length dresses in pastel shades. And as the days get warmer she will wear her school dresses in blue and white cotton.

What will Mary the Mayoress be expected to do? Well, she will have to attend local social functions with her uncle. Most of them will be in the evening or at the weekends. She will also meet all the personalities who are invited to Batley during her year of office, which is already filled with a variety of engagements.

But one thing she will not have to worry about is speech-making. Uncle James will be doing all the official talking.

Volcano as a grandstand

In six years' time more than 100,000 people at Auckland, New Zealand, will be able to watch games from seats in a stadium now being made in an old volcanic cone called Mount Smart.

Workmen and machines are gradually turning it into a huge circular grandstand with terraces rising 40 feet all round.

If ever the Olympic Games are held in New Zealand it is probable that they will be held in this new stadium, once a great bowl of molten lava. Visiting football teams may also play their New Zealand rivals here.

SUPERSONIC COUGH

In a report to a San Francisco meeting of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology a scientist stated that the human cough can produce wind velocities bordering on the speed of sound, about 750 miles per hour. Scientific observations showed that this speed was achieved in the lower part of the windpipe. As the cough approached the Adam's apple the speed dropped to about 100 m.p.h. and left the mouth at 15 m.p.h.

IT'S A CAT'S LIFE

All the year round Al Stevens sees life on all-fours

MOST actors and actresses who play the part of the cat in *Dick Whittington and Puss-in-Boots* look upon the rôle as a job for the Christmas holidays. Not so Al Stevens, who for the past four years has been "leading a cat's life" all the year round.

When the pantomime season ends, he continues to be Tommy the Cat, filling in with concerts, television films, and visits to orphanages until the time arrives for him to become resident children's entertainer at the seaside or in a holiday camp.

Being a human cat in the summer is no joke. It is a hot enough job in the winter; in summer, wearing a skin which weighs 28 pounds, it is like being in a Turkish bath.

Al Stevens makes his own cat costume out of rug wool, adapts boxing gloves for the paws, and for the face uses a papier mâché mask to which white pipe cleaners are gummed as whiskers. And since the time the mask fell off during a performance, he always makes up his face as well with black and white stripes just in case of accidents.

He became a human cat eight years ago when the actor playing the rôle in *Dick Whittington* at Manchester collapsed in the middle of a performance. Al Stevens, who had been playing the King Rat, had to don the cat skin and take over without any rehearsal.

That started him studying his own cat, Doodles. The first thing was to learn to walk like a cat. A human being naturally moves left arm and right leg together, but after a lot of practice in front of a mirror Al Stevens succeeded in perfecting the cat movement of left hind leg following the left foreleg.

With Doodles as model, he copied the way cats wash, rub affectionately against people's legs, and lap milk from a saucer. His imitations were so successful that Gilbert Harding immediately guessed his mime of a cat washing behind the ears when he appeared in ordinary clothes on *What's My Line?*

And as Tommy the Cat at an open-air performance in Scarborough he was chased by a large wolf-hound with which he was quite friendly in ordinary clothes. The dog seized Al Stevens by his cat's tail, and dragged him into the audience before the owner could come to the rescue.

Al Stevens seems to bear, how-

ever, the proverbial nine lives of the character he portrays. During intervals at pantomimes he usually wanders among the audience and stalks along the circle rail to meet the children. Sometimes there is a bit of play and people pretend to try to push him off.



Al Stevens, human cat, feeding his pet cat

Once while this was going on, he lost his balance and fell 15 feet. Fortunately he landed on his feet in the gangway, and escaped with no more than a few bruises. The audience thought the drop was an intentional cat-spring.

All the time he is in costume Al Stevens prides himself on doing nothing that a cat would not do. Cramped though he often gets from the long periods of crouching, he never stands up, and, because he is supposed to be a cat, at first he would not say a word.

Then a party of blind children attended a pantomime in which he was playing. He went among them so that they could pat and stroke him; and it was one of his proudest moments when those children who could not see, asked him for photographs.

That incident brought home to him the fact that it would be nice to be able to answer the children, though, of course, he could not risk spoiling his rôle as a cat.

Doodles was called upon again, this time to do a lot of miaowing.

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TELL ME A STORY

The popular Brown Bear cub at the Maidstone Zoo seems to want Mother Minnie to tell the story about *Brownlocks* and the *Three Human Beings*.



PARLIAMENT HAS SAID FAREWELL

But the Government is carrying on

By the CN Press Gallery Correspondent

THE old Parliament—the first of Queen Elizabeth II's reign—is dead, if not forgotten. And the composition of the new, the 15th of this century, will be known next week.

Britain's 35 million voters, all of 21 years and over, will make their choice next Thursday, May 26. But before they do so let us say a brief farewell to the Parliament which was elected on October 25, 1951.

The last Parliament sat for only 3½ of its legal five years and was dissolved on May 6. Just before the Proclamation announcing the Dissolution on that day both Houses met to prorogue—that is, end—its third and last session.

All sessions are prorogued. But to mark the last prorogation of a Parliament the officials of both Houses wear white gloves.

Another custom distinguishes the last of the prorogation ceremonies: before our M.P.s leave Westminster to start their election campaigns they file past the Chair to shake hands with the Speaker.

Finally, let us just record that this was the last Parliament of Sir Winston Churchill as Prime Minister, the first of Sir Anthony Eden as his successor at Downing Street, and the first of Mr. W. S. Morrison as Speaker.

PALACE IS CLOSED

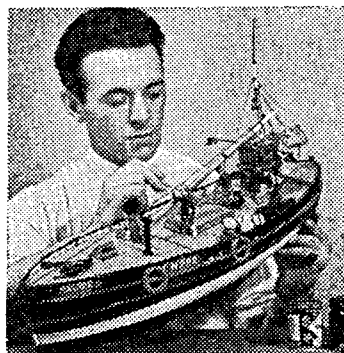
Since the Dissolution the Palace of Westminster has been closed to those who were our M.P.s (about 30 of them are not seeking re-election). Their salaries and allowances have ceased.

But the Government goes on. Ministers, wherever they may be making speeches, are in daily touch with their Departments and have the same full powers to deal with any situation that might arise as they would have if Parliament were sitting.

The House of Lords—which is hereditary and does not stand for election—is still the House of Lords. But it does not, of course, sit, though those peers who are Ministers carry out their ministerial duties as usual.

Although a Parliament dies, the Parliamentary system continues. For instance, if the present Government is returned the new House of Commons can call it

Complete model



This electric-powered model of a Scottish fishing vessel has everything to scale—including speed and a peg-legged fisherman! It was made by Mr. Alan Reed of York.

to account for anything that might have happened during the "lost three weeks."

Certain machinery continues, too. An order laid in the old Parliament, such as the one which recently abolished purchase tax on certain textiles, can be challenged by the new Parliament.

Now let us look at the election. In 1900 there were 670 M.P.s. In 1918 this number rose to 707, but fell to 615 in 1922, rose again to 640 in 1945, but since the last two elections—in 1950 and 1951—has levelled out to 625.

MORE M.P.s

After this election we shall have 630 M.P.s. Eleven new seats have been created by changes of Parliamentary boundaries, and six have been abolished, making a net gain of five seats to be added to the 625 in the old Parliament.

All the new seats are in England, where altogether 152 seats were substantially altered, though 324 were left unchanged. They were reshaped by Boundary Commissions—of which there are four, one for each country—set up by Parliament six years ago.

When Parliament was dissolved the Commons consisted of 318 Conservatives and allies, plus two M.P.s—Mr. Henry Strauss and Commander Galbraith—who were made peers in the new Premier's first Government; 293 Labour M.P.s (excluding Sir Richard Acland, who resigned); five Liberals; two Irish Nationalists; one Irish Labour; and the Speaker and his two deputies.

In voting terms the Government had a majority of 18 over all other parties and groups. (The majority was 16 after the last election, but by taking the South Sunderland seat from the Opposition at a by-election in 1953 the margin went up by two—one deducted from the Opposition and added to the Government.)

NEW VOTERS

Boundary changes, the existence of perhaps 80 seats where the result was close last time, the emergence since 1951 of some 2,500,000 young people who will be voting for the first time—these and other factors make the outcome very obscure.

Every qualified voter makes his choice by marking an X against the candidate he or she favours. The voting papers issued for the 1400-odd candidates fighting the election do not state their politics.

Each candidate on being nominated a few days before the poll deposits £150 in cash or by banker's draft. If he gets fewer than one-eighth of the total votes cast he loses his money.

Roy Rogers' round-up

All over the country thousands of children are studying the new Highway Code, and two of them, as a result, will win a trip to California.

RoSPA—the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents—has organised a nationwide Quiz



Competition called the Roy Rogers' Road Safety Round-Up. Roy, here seen on his famous horse Trigger, will entertain the two first prizewinners (a boy and a girl) as his guests for two weeks on his ranch in California.

The competition will take about a year to complete, and is being organised by local Road Safety Committees. Each team will be made up of two girls and two boys, over eleven and under 14 on March 31, 1955.

The quiz will consist almost entirely of questions based on the new Highway Code, but in the final stages questions on general road safety will be asked.

It's a cat's life

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so that his master, with the falsetto of a one-time boy soprano, could practise copying the sounds and adapt them into "cat talk" of simple sentences.

Himself the eldest of a family of 16, Al Stevens loves entertaining children, and whenever he has the chance visits hospitals and orphanages. "It's only by mixing with children," he says, "that I can learn how to do my act so that they will like me on the stage."

The only chance that he had one Christmas of visiting the children at a Hull orphanage was between performances. Time was already short, and to avoid the delay of the double change, Al Stevens drove from and to the theatre in costume.

The journey to the orphanage was without incident, but on the way back he was held up in a traffic jam. While he was waiting a girl on a bicycle drew up alongside, looked in the window, and fell off her bicycle.

A policeman came over to investigate, and his jaw dropped in surprise when he, too, saw an outsize cat sitting at the wheel. Then he grinned with relief.

"Oh, of course," he said. "You must be Dick Whittington's cat. I'm coming to see you next week."

News from Everywhere

EMPIRE YOUTH SUNDAY

The Queen's Empire Youth Sunday Message will be repeated in many different languages at services in some 40 British Commonwealth countries on May 22.

The Police station at Chapel-en-le-Frith is to be sold by auction by Derbyshire County Council.

Nine-year-old David Illingworth of Horsforth, Leeds, has won the silver medal and Festival Cup in the under-eleven piano-forte solo class at Horsforth Musical Festival. It was his first attempt in any music festival.

PIECE OF CAKE

Mrs. Mary Heeley of Swinton, Yorkshire, still has a piece of her wedding cake, made by herself over 54 years ago. Hard as a brick, it shows no sign of mould.

Pottery believed to be about 3000 years old has been found at Danby near Whitby, Yorkshire. Flint weapons were also found.

Several starlings being reared at Hatfield in Hertfordshire cannot fly yet; but they have done plenty of flying—their nest is in the tail of a Hastings aircraft.

TIME-TABLE TROUBLE

Bus time-tables near Bristol have been ruined by bees tearing away the paper to eat the paste. In future salt is to be mixed with the paste.

NO 1955 PENNIES

The Mint will not strike any new pennies this year as there is a surplus, but more threepenny bits are to be made.

A machine which serves 600 cups of tea an hour was demonstrated in London recently.

The 14,000 applications for tickets to the Radio Components Show held recently in London were dealt with by the Secretary's three children—Anthony, aged 13, Penelope, eleven, and Robin, eight.

LIGHT-HEARTED

Sparrows in Chicago made their nest in a set of crossroad traffic lights.

French evening classes are being held for miners of Mexborough, Yorkshire, who are taking their holidays abroad.

Police used a "Black Maria" to take a muntjac—a small deer—to the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals at Luton after it had been found in a garden. It was later taken to Whipsnade.

CORRECTION

In our recent front page article on Kangchenjunga the Terrible we stated that Mr. Charles Ward was the leader of the present expedition. The leader is, in fact, Mr. Charles Evans, and we much regret the error.

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Ready for action

Edward, a police dog in training, sits quietly with his master at the Metropolitan Police Dog Training Establishment at Keston in Kent. But he can quickly go into action.

WRITTEN IN GLASS

A window pane found among the rafters of a house in Tynemouth has some pathetic verses from Childe Harold's Pilgrimage scratched on it by Lady Byron, the unhappy wife of the poet.

The house, known as Tynemouth Treasure House, is 61 Front St., and was used to accommodate those who came to visit Harriet Martineau, the author, who lived four doors away.

Among other distinguished people who stayed there were Charlotte Brontë, Richard Cobden, Henry Hallam the historian, and the actors William Macready and Charles Kemble.

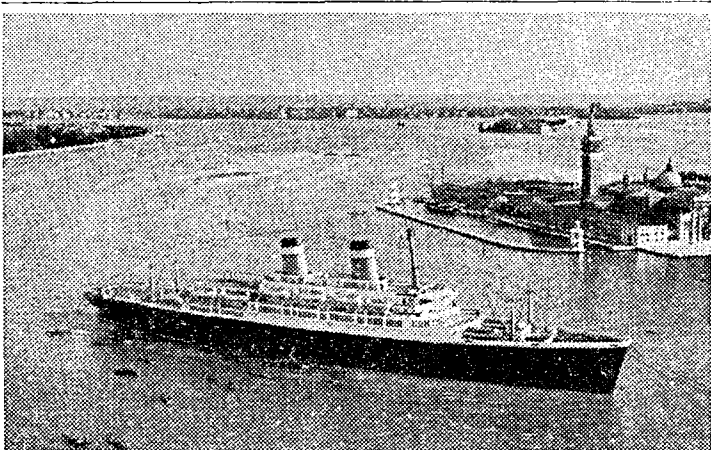
The window with the verses (inscribed probably with a diamond ring), was formerly in an upper bedroom overlooking the street. It has been handed to the Tynemouth Library for safe keeping.

THREE-SPEED DOOR

A three-speed automatic revolving door has recently been fitted in a building at St. Paul, Minnesota.

The door is geared to revolve at a constant speed of three revolutions a minute, but when a person touches the crossbar the electric motor automatically speeds up the doors to nine revolutions per minute—a normal walking speed. If desired, in rush hours, this speed can be further increased to 12 revolutions a minute.

An automatic device holds the doors to this speed, regardless of any extra pressure exerted.



Atlantic liner at Venice

The Independence, luxury ship of the American Export Lines, has temporarily left her normal trans-Atlantic service to make a cruise through the Mediterranean. Here we see her at Venice.

THE WEE FOLK

A Highland author, Mr. Alasdair Alpin Macgregor, is writing a book about fairies and asking in the Press for information from anyone who has personal anecdotes of the

*Wee folk, good folk,
Trooping all together;
Green jacket, red cap,
And white owl's feather.*

The Scottish Highlands are set in the heart of the Celtic world which have given us many tales of fairyland, and Mr. Macgregor may well receive many replies to his interesting appeal.

The tale is still told in Wester Ross of the bad fairy, Gille Dubh, who brought diseases to the cattle and bad luck to the neighbourhood. In the 18th century four lairds of the MacKenzie clan armed themselves with shotguns and roamed the woods of Loch a' Druing for many hours in search of him—in vain!

THEY LOOKED LIKE EELS

Eleven-year-old Michael Finch saw what he thought was a shoal of eels swimming in a small river near his home at Mundford, Norfolk.

"Just what we want for the ornamental pond at school," he thought. So he plunged his hand in the water and was able to catch one of the "eels" before the whole shoal swam away. Then Michael examined his catch.

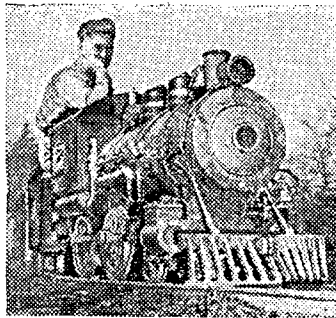
It had a row of seven little holes down each side of its neck and a big sucker mouth. It was a foot long and dark brown in colour.

Michael learned that his capture was not an eel but a lamprey. This sucker fish is common in the West of England and is found in the River Dove in Derbyshire, but no one had ever before caught one near Mundford.

PRIVATE LINE FOR PILOTS

A new electronic gadget, introduced by an American airline recently, provides pilots with their own private radio service.

When someone on the ground wants to contact the pilot, he can ring a bell in the cockpit, thus relieving the pilot of the necessity to listen-in continuously.



Big job on little line

Youngsters at Schenectady in the State of New York, love this miniature railway, established in their Central Park by Howard Bigelow, who is seen on the footplate. He is director, engine driver, guard, and ticket collector all in one.

HUNTING HAKE

The Fleetwood trawler Boston Canberra, fitted with radar and echo-sounding equipment costing some £10,000, has set out on the second of two voyages to look for shoals of hake which have moved to new breeding grounds. With a navigator and a naturalist from the Fisheries Research Laboratory at Lowestoft on board, the Boston Canberra is now cruising off the coasts of Orkney and Shetland.

Hake is a favourite eating fish in the Midlands, and it will be a serious matter if the new shoaling grounds are not located because a single catch of hake can realise as much as £4000. It is hoped that, with the aid of the new equipment, the shoals will be found in time for the summer season.

CATHEDRAL PEACEKEEPER

The recent death of the Peacekeeper at Sheffield Cathedral was a reminder of a curious office that has lingered on through the centuries.

In recent times the holder has not been called upon to exert his authority unduly.

In former days a wand of office had the practical purpose of enabling the holder to reach over the heads of the congregation to tap anyone who had fallen asleep during the sermon and might threaten the peace of the church with his snores.

H.M.S. DISCOVERY

The Royal Research Ship Discovery, which was taken over by the Admiralty last year from the Boy Scouts Association, is back in her old position near the C.N. offices. During the winter a new landing stage has been installed for her berth.

In July she will be commissioned, with the title H.M.S., into the London division of the R.N.V.R. She will be the third drill ship in the division. H.M.S. President and H.M.S. Chrysanthemum being the other two.

CHILDREN'S OWN MUSEUM

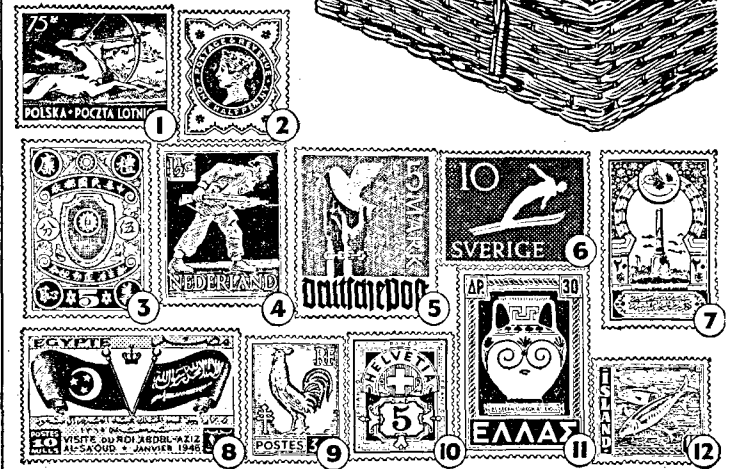
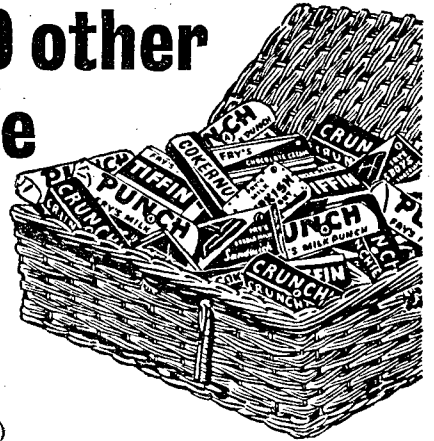
Indian children are to have a museum of their own at Amreli. Among its attractions will be a collection of toys of every kind from every country, and models of road, rail, and sea transport.

There will also be an aquarium, and a natural history and science section.

FRY'S NEW STAMP COMPETITION

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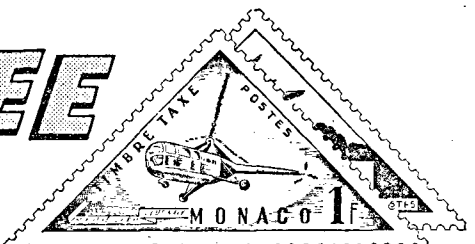
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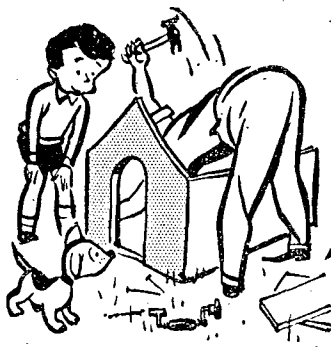
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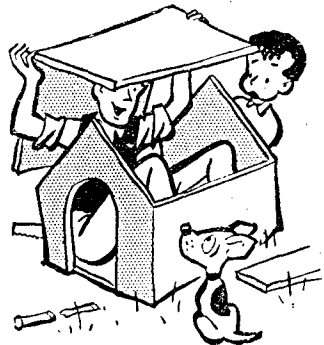
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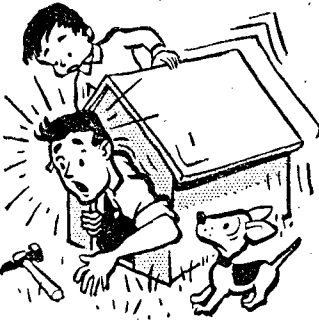
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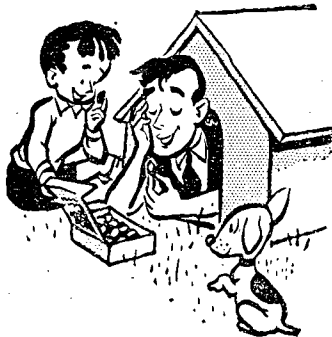
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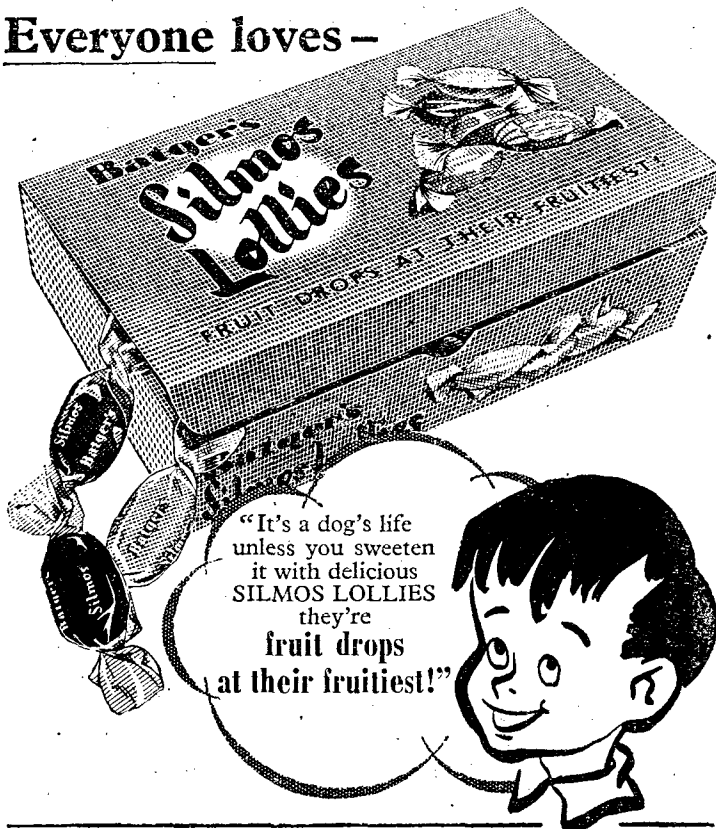


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IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

Escape of Queen Mary to England

MAY 17, 1568. WORKINGTON—Mary, Queen of Scots, and a small retinue of her adherents arrived here last evening in an open fishing boat.

She had crossed the Solway from the coast of Galloway, fleeing from her kingdom to throw herself on the mercy of Queen Elizabeth of England.

Three days ago, from a hill at Langside near Glasgow, she witnessed the defeat of her supporters in battle. As soon as she saw that all was lost she turned her horse and galloped south.

She rode 92 miles without alighting from her horse, and on reaching the Galloway coast, decided to cross to England.

Arrangements are being made, it is understood, for her to proceed to Carlisle.

NAPOLÉON IS NOW EMPEROR

MAY 18, 1804. PARIS—Napoleon Bonaparte, First Consul of the French Republic, has today assumed the title of Emperor of the French.

This recognises the despotic power of the 35-year-old Corsican soldier whose story is one of the most romantic and sensational in all history.

Twelve years ago he was a young, almost unknown, captain watching the attack on the Tuileries, an event which marked the end of the Bourbon dynasty.

From that day his progress has been a march of triumph. He has defeated Austria, subjected Italy to his rule, and won victory after victory.

He seized supreme power in France five years ago when he abolished the Directory—the Revolutionary Government—and today's assumption of the title of Emperor only confirms what has long been accepted.

The new Emperor is now pressing forward with his plans for the invasion of England.

FRENCH KING GOING HOME

MAY 19, 1360. LONDON—King John of France was today released from imprisonment in the Tower of London.

The 40-year-old monarch has been a prisoner in England since he and his 15-year-old son Prince Philip were captured by Prince Edward at the battle of Poitiers four years ago.

For the first year of his captivity he was lodged at the palace of the Savoy in London.

He was later removed to Somerton Castle, Lincolnshire, but some weeks ago was conveyed to the Tower of London. Now he has been released on signing an agreement to pay three million gold crowns as his ransom and send hostages to England.

(Three years later his hostages broke their parole and the King nobly returned to captivity in England. He died in 1364.)

RADIO AND TV

STORY OF A GREAT EXPLORER

The boy who ran away from home

"DR. LIVINGSTONE, I presume?" is one of the most famous greetings of history. It fell from the lips of the great explorer Sir Henry Morton Stanley at Ujiji, Central Africa, in November 1871 at the end of his successful search for the British explorer and missionary.

The story of Stanley's life, a fascinating one, is being told in the Children's TV serial, *The Search*, starting this week.

Stanley, son of a Welsh farm worker named Rowlands, ran away to sea as a cabin boy. He reached New Orleans, where he was adopted by a cotton broker, Henry Morton Stanley, from whom he took his name. In turn a soldier, sailor, and journalist, Stanley happened to be in Africa in 1869 when he was assigned by the *New York Herald* to seek out the lost David Livingstone.

This week and next Stanley as a boy is being played by 15-year-old Roy Sone—his first TV performance. Trained at the Italia



Roy Sone

Conti School as singer and dancer, he is blossoming out as a straight actor. Recently he played a page in *As You Like It* at Northampton, and has a part in *Touch and Go*, a new film now being shot at Ealing Studios. The grown-up Stanley will be played by Michael Aldridge.

Where am I?

A RADIO quiz new to most young listeners will be heard in Children's Hour on Saturday. Called *Where Am I?*, it has been devised by Norman Turner, of the North Region, who first tried it out, in North Region only, last November. This time it is on the whole National network, with a contest between teams with two children on each side.

Taking turns, they will ask Norman Turner where they are, and his answers should enable them to find the locality.

Cricket in the studio

A FULL-LENGTH cricket pitch, with nets, is being marked out in the Children's studio at Lime



Betty Birch

Grove for Children's TV this Wednesday.

In Cricket for Girls there will be practical advice from four well-known women cricketers, all of whom play for England. They are Jo Batson and Helen Hegarty (Surrey) and Betty Birch and Anne Sanders (Middlesex).

Viewers equal listeners

THIS year there are roughly as many television viewers every evening as there are listeners to all the BBC's three sound services together. According to the BBC Audience Research department, TV's share of the total a year ago was 41 per cent and sound radio's 59 per cent.

Ted Ray on TV

TED RAY, as I mentioned some weeks ago, is switching from sound radio to TV during the summer months. It looks, though, as if the first Ted Ray Show in TV on Saturday will have some of the flavour of Ted Ray Time, because the associate producer will be George Inns, who produces Ted's sound shows.

Both he and TV Producer Bill Ward began as boys in the BBC. Bill Ward was an engineer's assistant and spent most of the time, he admits, making tea. George Inns was a messenger in the Post Room.

Cross-country TV

THE Roving Eye camera will join forces with a three-camera mobile unit for the three-day European Horse Trials at Windsor this week—on May 19, 20, and 21. This is because TV will attempt to give an overall picture of the meeting, in which eight countries are taking part.

To cover as much ground as possible there will be a radio vision link to supplement the cables as the action ranges from Gravel Hill, near Cumberland Lodge, to Smith's Lawn. In the cross-country, speed, and endurance trial on Friday the Roving Eye will have a special steward and escort for its journey between Smith's Lawn and Sandpit Gate, a dramatic obstacle in the cross-country run.

ERNEST THOMSON

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SIR WALTER SCOTT'S ROOM WITH A VIEW

Visitors to Abbotsford can now see the room most poignantly associated with the immortal Sir Walter Scott. It is one room which successive lairds of Abbotsford have hitherto denied to visitors. It is the ground-floor room in which Scott, in lavish style, entertained men famous in his day, the room from whose window he gazed his last upon his beloved River Tweed. It is the room in which the great novelist and poet died:

THE decision to allow visitors into the dining-room is the laird of Abbotsford's—a woman's. She made it in response to a clear public demand.

She has decided also to let visitors see the room furnished as it was in the time of her famous great-great-grandfather.

Of this mansion of many turrets, battlements, and chimneys situated near Galashiels in Selkirkshire, Sir Walter Scott himself once remarked: "I have seen much, but nothing like my own house."

For 20 years he lived and worked there. Some of the happiest hours of his life were spent seated at the dining-room table with his family and friends, and with his personal piper, "John of Skye," marching up and down playing his favourite tunes.



Miss Jean Maxwell-Scott, great-great-granddaughter of the novelist



Sir Walter Scott

Scott-lovers began visiting Abbotsford soon after the novelist's death in 1832. Over many years countless thousands of people have passed through the impressive hall, the armoury, study, Chinese drawing-room, and library where Scott's vast collection of antiques and books are displayed.

The room now to be added to these five has continued to be used as a dining-room by the lairds of Abbotsford since the year of Scott's death.

It was only recently, in fact, that the present laird, Mrs. Patricia Maxwell-Scott, and her sister, Miss Jean Maxwell-Scott, stopped taking meals there.

"The dining-room is rather too large for just the two of us," said the laird. "In any case, so many of our visitors have said they wished they could have seen the room in which Sir Walter died, that my sister and I decided that we had to do something about it."

ONCE A FARMHOUSE

The big dining-room faces west and is in the main part of the house, which was built according to plans drawn up by the novelist himself. The mansion was completed in 1818 six years after the Scott family had moved into Abbotsford, which was originally a farmhouse. The room is a light, graceful one, with oak-panelled walls and a white moulded ceiling studded with wooden plaques on which are painted the arms of various branches of the Scott family.



The south courtyard and the main entrance to Abbotsford

On the walls are several interesting portraits. One is of Lady Scott, Sir Walter's dark-haired French wife, and another of his daughter Anne wearing fancy-dress costume. It was Anne who nursed her father through his last illness in this room. She died a year after his death.

PRESENT FROM BYRON

Sir Walter Scott's silver, which is to be restored to its old place on the long oak sideboard, will include the urn presented to him by Lord Byron, a tea-kettle and caddy, a salver presented to him by his publisher, John Ballantyne, and a venison dish.

The main feature of the room is the highly polished seven-leaved dining-table made for Sir Walter by a London craftsman from old oak trees cut from the grounds of Drumlanrig Castle, the Duke of Buccleuch's Dumfriesshire residence.

What brilliant conversation must have been heard around this table when Sir Walter had to dinner distinguished literary friends like Maria Edgeworth, William Wordsworth, Thomas Moore, Washington Irving, James

Hogg ("The Ettrick Shepherd"), and Adam Ferguson!

Two particularly gay dinner parties were held at Abbotsford every year. One was at the opening of the Tweed salmon-fishing season, when Sir Walter's guests would sit down to salmon "boiled, grilled, and roasted."

The other occasion was on the night of the annual Abbotsford Hunt, when about 50 local farmers and landlords were royally entertained after a day's hare-hunting over the Abbotsford estate.

HOGMANAY FUN

Hogmanay was another night of celebration in the dining-room at Abbotsford. Sir Walter, sitting at the head of the table, would present gifts of cake and pennies to scores of children from the estates, before welcoming in the New Year with his neighbours in traditional fashion.

Those happy days in the dining-room at Abbotsford came to an end in the autumn of 1832. Sir Walter, worn out with work and a long illness, lay in his fourposter bed at the windows. He was a dying man.

He asked to be brought to this room from his bedroom on the other side of the house so that he could enjoy once again his favourite view of the Tweed.

Lockhart, in his biography of his father-in-law, tells how, while dressing on Monday, September

17, he was summoned to the dining-room by Scott's manservant, Nicolson, who said that his master was awake and in a state of composure, that he was entirely himself, and that his eyes were clear and calm.

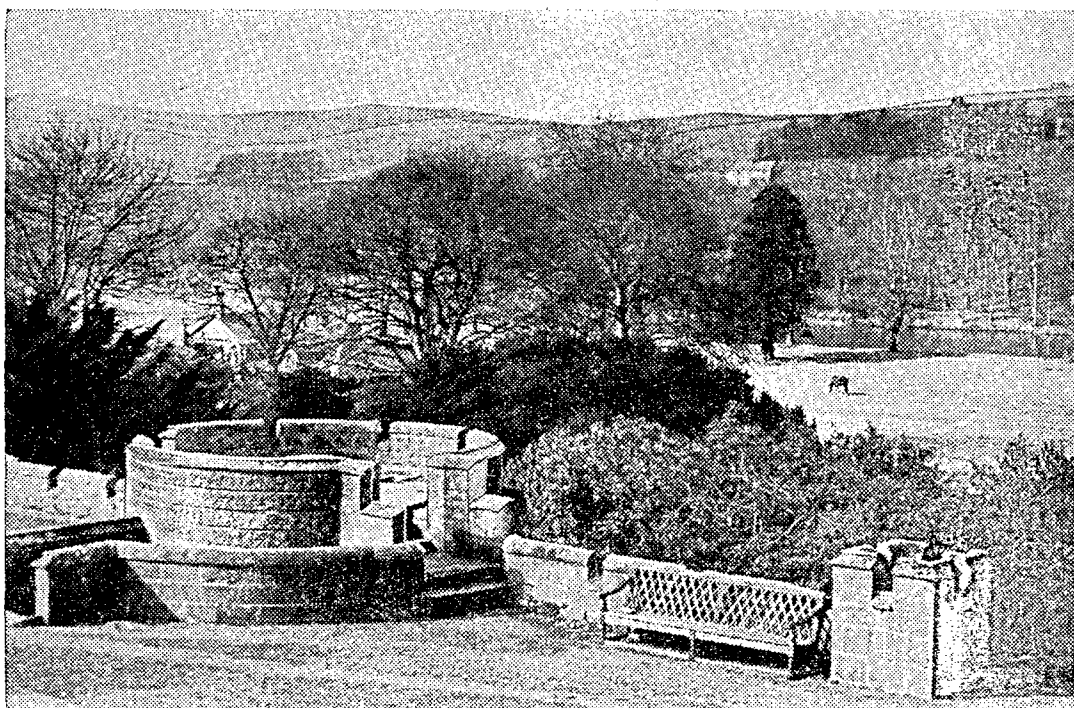
Grasping Lockhart's hand, Scott said: "I may have but a minute to speak to you. My dear, be a good man—be virtuous—be religious—be a good man. Nothing else will give you any comfort when you come to lie here."

Four days later, on a day so sunny and warm that the dining-room windows had to be opened wide, Scott passed away.

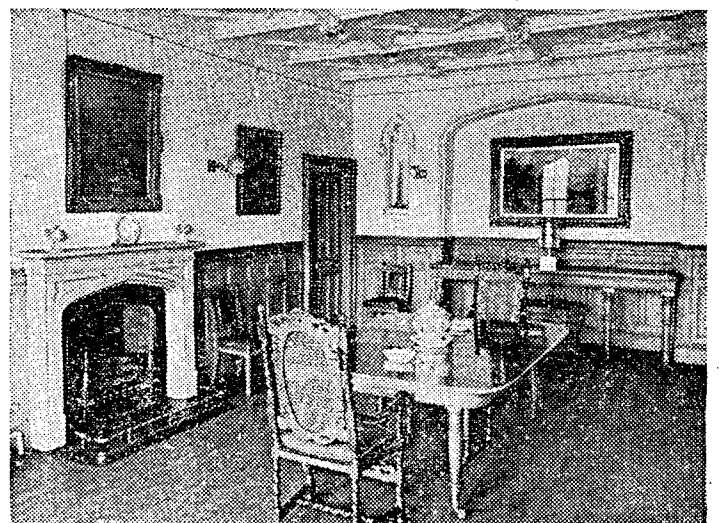
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The portrait of Lady Scott



From the window of the Abbotsford dining-room—Scott's last view of the River Tweed



Abbotsford's dining-room—just as Scott knew it

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VOICE OF THE CHILDREN

ON Wednesday, May 18, schoolchildren throughout Wales will be wishing God-speed to their annual Goodwill Message, broadcast to the world in several languages.

This year the Welsh children will be conscious, too, of bearing aloft the banner handed to them by the Founder of the Message, the Rev. Gwilym Davies. He died last January after a lifetime of labour for international friendship.

The response from boys and girls everywhere evoked by his noble and imaginative Goodwill Message idea is proved by the great response to it last year. One Canadian girl, in a broadcast, admirably summed up its spirit:

"We play the same games," she said, "we are bothered by the same problems, we laugh at the same jokes, and we have the same hopes and fears . . . The Children's Goodwill Message today will emphasise that fact, and show that children are united in their desire to help to build a better world."

The children of Wales are helping to sow the good seed. Throughout the world countless children will be thrilled as they hear the call:

"Youth of all lands. Let us dedicate ourselves today to our great adventure of Peace on Earth and Goodwill among Men."



OUR HOMELAND

Charming thatched cottages in the Lambourn Valley village of East Garston, Berkshire

The Editor's Table

SIR WINSTON'S HATS

SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL'S enormous collection of hats is world-famous, but in an amusing and witty article a recent issue of Tailor and Cutter comments somewhat ruefully on his method of wearing them.

"About Sir Winston's hats," says the writer, "there is a sprawling air of adaptability; a suggestion that they are not so much a part of his wardrobe as they are adversaries he has cowed."

"He takes his hats, as he has taken the world, and punches them, and dents them, and crams them unyieldingly into position. He overcomes a new style for almost every occasion; but, like a bronco-busting cowboy, he retains his respect for hats after he has knocked the guts out of them."

But however Sir Winston wears his hats, we are all glad to take off our own hats to him out of respect for his great achievements.

Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper,
May 23, 1925

OFTEN transfusion of blood is the only method of saving a life. A pint of blood, passed from the veins of a healthy man direct into the veins of a patient, will sometimes make the difference between life and death.

Volunteers are readily forthcoming who will give their blood in such a cause. But some blood is not suitable for all patients, and some is suitable. The London Hospital, says Lord Knutsford, has "a classified list of good men who will stand a pint," and they have on that list one man whose blood is of the best brand, always ready and prepared, night and day, to give a pint of it.

In the last five years this hero has given a pint of his blood—one-twelfth of all he had—to no fewer than 44 patients.

Five pounds is the usual fee for a pint of voluntary blood.

Captain's honour

ALL cricket-lovers were delighted when Len Hutton, England's triumphant captain, became the first playing professional elected to honorary membership of the M.C.C.

The highest honour these zealous guardians of the ancient traditions of the game can confer, it was an eloquent tribute to a fine sportsman.

Any for me?



Part of the fun of a gymkhana, according to this pony at Haslemere in Surrey, is that you share lunch with your young mistress.

Think on These Things

IN the lonely wilderness of Tekoa, ten miles or so from Jerusalem, the prophet Amos looked after his sheep. His was a strict, austere, and upright life, for he was a true man of God.

When Amos visited the rich and prosperous town of Samaria, he was shocked by the fact that men who were pleased to worship God and to offer splendid sacrifices, then went and did something that was wrong.

Amos denounced such wickedness, rightly calling it hypocrisy. He declared passionately that God demanded righteousness, fair dealing and justice between man and man. O. R. C.

THEY SAY . . .

MAN'S inventiveness on women's behalf has only been stirred up when they were spurred on to do the washing up. Lady (Isobel) Barnett, at Edinburgh

It is perseverance which keeps honour bright, and that way my heart believes that peace can yet be won. Sir Anthony Eden

DON'T let us think in terms of pounds, shillings, and pence when we are dealing with human happiness.

Mr. David Savage, Irvine (Ayrshire) councillor

I WON'T retire. It's much too late for that now.

A. E. Matthews, the actor, now in his 86th year

THE spirit of adventure and eager looking-forward of youth is the brightest feature of the present day.

Mr. John N. Milne, governor of Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen

WORD QUIZ

Can you say whether a, b, or c gives the correct meaning of the following five words?

- IGNITE**
a Set fire to
b Urge
c Request to come
- FRACTIOUS**
a Breakages of bones
b Roomy
c Unruly or cross
- COGNATE**
a French brandy
b From a common ancestor
c Ponder or think
- CENOTAPH**
a Empty tomb
b Words written on tomb
c Horse with human body
- PLEACH**
a Interlace branches
b Whiten
c Gather in folds

Answers on page 16

Out and About

BETWEEN stout old stems of bracken, at the edge of the heath where we recently saw Emperor moths, a feather-lined nest of woven grass and thin roots has been built.

In the nest are six pale blue eggs. After having unwittingly scared away the mother bird, we can, by loitering quietly, and not too close, watch her return.

She comes to the nest, flicking a chestnut tail, and resumes brooding. Next the male flies round and finally settles on a bramble bush, also flicking his chestnut tail. His breast is redder than that of the hen, reminding us of a robin.

They are redstarts, summer visitors which are just as likely to be seen in green copses or quiet parks as where we have seen this pair. C. D. D.

JUST AN IDEA

As Swift wrote: It is good to know a great deal; but it is better to make a good use of what we do know.

Next Week's Birthdays

May 22

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (1859-1930). It was in 1887 that this author first introduced Sherlock Holmes to the world. But not until his appearance in short stories in the Strand Magazine in 1891 did the great detective take firm hold of the public's imagination—a hold that has never relaxed.

May 23

Denis Compton (1918). Great Middlesex cricketer who has played for England ever since he was twenty. His aim, he has always said, is "to play for the side and give as much pleasure as I get out of playing myself." In 1947 he scored 3816 runs and 18



centuries, surpassing two first-class cricket records previously held by Tom Hayward and Sir Jack Hobbs respectively.

May 24

Queen Victoria (1819-1901). Her birthday is celebrated as Empire Day. In her reign of 63 years, the longest in British history, the power and prosperity of the British Empire were at their peak.

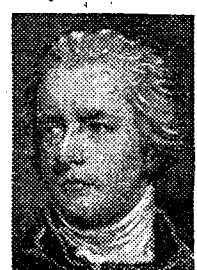
May 25

Lord Beaverbrook (1879). He sold newspapers when only six, but before he was 40 he owned one. As Minister of Aircraft Production during the last war he made the output rise as sensationally as the sales of his newspapers.

May 26

Sir Thomas Noon Talfourd (1795-1854). Writer, lawyer, M.P. A friend of Lamb, Coleridge, and Wordsworth, he did much to gain recognition for them. Dickens dedicated Pickwick Papers to him in gratitude for his service to authors in introducing a Copyright Bill into Parliament.

May 28



William Pitt (1759-1806). Entered Parliament at 22, was Chancellor of the Exchequer at 23, and Prime Minister before he was 25. He thus became the only

Englishman ever to emulate his father in becoming the holder of the highest office in the land.

May 27

Frank Woolley (1887). Veteran Kent and England cricketer. Took more than 2000 wickets and made more than 60,000 runs in first-class cricket during his wonderful career.

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REPORT ON WILD LIFE

KEEPING A WATCH
ON THE FISH

How far does a herring swim?

Government naturalists have been tagging the fish with identity labels and the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries report that one marked thus off Boulogne was captured 200 miles away three months later.

Of herrings caught and marked between Lowestoft and Southwold one travelled 160 miles to Worthing in 12 days, and others 140 miles to Newhaven in six days, 126 miles to Rye in 28 days, and 112 miles to Dungeness in seven days.

The Government have also started tagging lobsters, and punching identity holes in their tail-plates on the North Wales coast at Puffin Island and near Pwllheli.

Fishermen are keeping a watch for them, but the lobster does not travel anything like so far as the herring, or even the nomadic crab; in some experiments conducted privately last year the greatest journey was 1½ miles.

SEASIDE SEARCH

While spending holidays at the seaside look out for a small, pink bivalve shell which is called Mactra. It is quite important as fish-food, for three years of studying these "rayed trough-shells," as they are also called, showed that 64 per cent of them are eaten by plaice.

You will also see lots of starfish at the seaside. They used to be regarded as pests by fishermen, because of their appetite for shellfish; but naturalists at the big oyster-beds of Burnham-on-Crouch, on the Essex coast, find that the larger starfish help the fishermen by feeding on the slipper limpet, which is an even greater pest of the oyster-bed, and that the smaller starfish feed more upon barnacles. The starfish's favourite food, however, is the mussel; it eats oysters only when there is nothing else.

Many scholars, as well as teachers and amateur naturalists, will be visiting the Council for the Promotion of Field Studies' centres in Britain during the com-

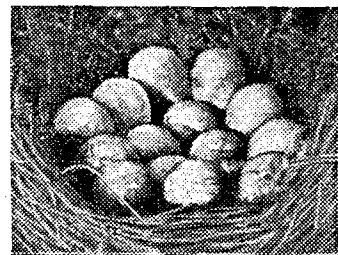
ing weeks. At Flatford Mill, near East Bergholt in Suffolk, long-term research projects include the feeding habits of flounders in the River Stour and the successive growths of plant life on the mud-banks forming at the end of Sherbourne Brook.

Naturalists recently carried out a Spring survey to find not only the dates when the swallows first arrived in each district, but the dates when the birds arrived back at their nesting barns and sheds. In some areas this was almost a fortnight after the first swallow was seen on passage-migration in the district.

REDWING STAYS BEHIND

Like most adult birds, swallows return each year to the same nesting area despite their distant winter quarters in Africa. These records, together with similar studies of the arrivals of martins, are being collected and co-ordinated by Mr. J. A. Nelder, of the National Vegetable Research Station in Warwickshire.

The other month I mentioned how many redwings, little winter thrushes from Northern Europe and Iceland, were driven across this country in the severe weather. One of these birds has stayed behind when most of the others returned northwards this Spring, and it has been singing daily near Burra Sound, in Unst, one of the northern isles of the Shetlands. The redwing's song has earned it the name of Norwegian Nightingale. This is the third successive Spring that the cock redwing has remained behind singing on Unst, one of its few British nesting haunts.



Gamekeepers are taking a census of the partridge nests (one is shown here) in the fields and hedgerows in order to estimate the stocks of birds they will have this season. E. H.

At the Children's Royal Academy



The Bride, by Marguerite Richardson, aged 12



Lord Ullin's Daughter, by Valerie Goat, aged 13

LEICESTERSHIRE'S
GRAND OLD MAN

On Wednesday and Thursday this week the schools of Leicestershire are paying a remarkable tribute to Sir Robert Martin, Chairman of the County Council and of the County Education Committee. Over 1000 boys and girls are to present a festival to honour him on his 80th birthday; for Sir Robert is known and loved throughout the county for his long years of service to its children and young people.

The festival, to be held in the de Montfort Hall, Leicester, will be a musical pageant symbolising Love of Leicestershire; Sense of Duty; Faith in God; and Seven Ages of Man.

This great salute to an old friend is surely unique in educational history.

LOOKING AHEAD AT
THE WEATHER

Airliner captains of K.L.M. will soon be able to see, on a cockpit screen, a "picture" of the weather ahead, and so alter course or height to avoid possible trouble. This will be given by special radar in the company's new Super Constellations.

A blaze of colour greeted the visitors to this year's Children's Royal Academy—the Royal Drawing Society's Exhibition of Children's Paintings and Drawings. Of the 5600 paintings entered this year—from schools all over the Commonwealth and Britain—206 were on show at the Guildhall Art Gallery in the City of London.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother inspected a selection of the work, an honour greatly appreciated by all the young artists.

Some of them make a habit of winning awards at this exhibition.

Patricia Kavanagh of Ipswich, for instance, was awarded eleven bronze stars last year and this year won a gold star. Leslie Charlotte Benenson of Hendon also has a fine record, having won gold stars for the fifth year running.

Although the exhibition has ended in London, it can be seen at Bath from June 18 to July 9; at Leamington Spa from September 12 to October 1; and at Portsmouth from October 14 to November 6. A selection of the pictures will also be shown at Nottingham from January 16 to February 6 next year.

WHERE MARY TOOK HER LITTLE LAMB

The American school attended by the original Mary who had a little lamb, still has 16 pupils. It is on an estate at South Sudbury, Massachusetts, where it was moved from Sterling, 18 miles away, by the late Henry Ford.

Mary Sawyer was her full name. She was a farmer's daughter, and went to the school at Sterling early in the 19th century.

After saving the life of a newly-born lamb by careful nursing she made a pet of it, and it really did follow her to school one day.

She hid it behind a big desk, but when her turn came to go to the platform to recite, the lamb ran after her and all the children laughed. Happily the teacher laughed, too, and nothing worse happened than the banishment of the lamb to an outside shed until the end of the lesson.

The charming little episode came to the knowledge of an American writer named Sarah Hale, who in 1830 published the verses known to every English-speaking child.

STAMP ALBUM

THEY
LOOK
ALIKE
BUT—

LOOK AGAIN!

THE 1877 and 1893 ISSUES OF NORWAY VARY QUITE DISTINCTLY IN THE TYPE USED FOR "NORGE" AND THE INSCRIPTION. THE LATER STAMPS USED LETTERS WITH SERIFS (ornamental strokes). IF YOU HAVE SHARP EYES YOU WILL SEE OTHER DIFFERENCES IN THE CORNER ORNAMENTS AND THE CROWN.

STAMPS
ON
STAMPS

COLLECTORS OF THESE INTERESTING COMMEMORATIVES WILL FIND THAT THE MOST RECENT OF THEM REVEALS YET A THIRD VARIETY OF THE NORWEGIAN STAMP ILLUSTRATED ON THE LEFT. THE MINIATURE STAMP USED IN THE DESIGN IS SIMILAR TO THE 1877 ISSUE, BUT THE VALUE IS IN 'SKILLING' INSTEAD OF 'ORE'.

STAMPS WITH
A STORY
THIS PORTUGUESE
HEROINE KILLED
SEVEN SPANIARDS
WITH A BAKERS
SHOVEL!

AFTER THE BATTLE OF ALJUBARROTA WHICH WON PORTUGAL INDEPENDENCE FROM CASTILE in 1385, BRITES de ALMEIDA FOUND SEVEN OF THE ENEMY HIDING IN HER BAKERY. SINGLE-HANDED, SHE SLEW THEM WITH HER SHOVEL.

PUZZLE?
CORNER?

This stamp comes from:
**ARABIA,
TURKEY or
PERSIA?**

Answer on
back page

AIR TRAVEL IN 1985

When a group of leading American aeronautical experts discussed the future of air travel recently, it was generally agreed that in 30 years' time passengers will be flying at 2000 m.p.h. and at altitudes of more than 15 miles in planes powered by nuclear energy.

Dr. Whipple of Harvard University expects the commercial airliner of the future to be much bigger than the present types, possibly with accommodation for passengers in the wings rather than in the body of the plane. "The power will be derived from some sort of nuclear conversion plant—in other words, a marriage between atomic energy and jet propulsion," he says.

An-Englishman who was present at the conference, Mr. G. R. Edwards of Vickers Armstrong, thought that gas turbine engines might be applied to air flight. Mr. Hibbard of the famous American Lockheed Aircraft Corporation declared that: "All mail and parcel post will be carried by air."

Though differing on many points of detail, the experts all agreed that air travel and transport have a rosy future.

MAN WHO MAKES NEW ZEALAND SMILE

After about 35 years in New Zealand Mr. Gordon Minihinnick is revisiting England, "to see if it is still in the same place."

Mr. Minihinnick is New Zealand's best-known cartoonist. In fact, he is probably just as famous in his own country as the political personalities whom he has been drawing for 30 years.

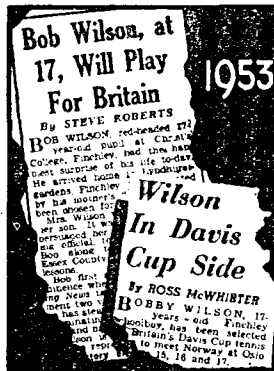
He went out to New Zealand as a youth to work on a farm, thought he would study for an architect's career, but became a cartoonist.

In asking his readers for "leave of absence" to visit England, Mr. Minihinnick has assured them that he will be "back in the Spring," which in New Zealand comes with apple blossom in October.

Steps to Sporting Fame



As another Wimbledon approaches, interest is revived in our rising young tennis hopes. Bob Wilson, from Finchley, put up a fine show in the tournament last year.



At 19, and now in the R.A.F., Wilson has already gone far. He was Essex junior champion at 14, British junior champion at 15, and then really in the headlines at 17 when he became the youngest ever picked for our Davis Cup team.



All this time he had also been engaged in deep study at Christ's College, Finchley. Indeed, last year he sat for a difficult examination on a Tuesday, then at Wimbledon next day beat the Brazilian champion, Armando Vieira.

Bob Wilson



This victory was rated as the best performance by any Englishman since the war and old-established lawn tennis writers were likening Wilson to that star of the 1930's, "Bunny" Austin. This year he has again been picked for Britain.

MORE YOUNG SWEDES LEARN ENGLISH

English is studied in Sweden more than any other foreign language, and under the recent school reform there, all elementary schoolchildren will start learning it when they are eleven or twelve. This means that one day all Swedish citizens will be able to speak some English.

It is also the most popular language in the Swedish adult educational courses, which are taken by some half a million of the country's total population of just over seven million.

The grown-ups, perhaps, are luckier than the youngsters—they do not have to pass examinations in which a thorough knowledge of grammar is necessary. So they can concentrate on reading and speaking everyday English. For this they study British culture and community life, using films, film strips, gramophone records, tape recordings, and so on. And every year tens of thousands of Swedish people travel to Britain.

LOST TREASURE SHIP OF TOBERMORY

Another attempt is being made to recover the treasure which tradition says lies buried in the 16th-century Spanish galleon in Tobermory Bay, Argyllshire.

The Duke of Argyll, who by Royal Charter inherits the wreck, has called in the help of echo sounders in a new survey of the bay, and these have revealed the presence of a 100-foot long mound of silt beneath which may lie the treasure ship of the Armada, the *Truque de Florencia*.

If the wreck really does lie there, it will be no easy matter reaching it, for the salvage firm entrusted with the operation calculates that between 15,000 and 18,000 tons of silt and mud will have to be removed first. Previous salvage attempts have recovered pieces of timber from an ancient vessel, a few cannons and swords, some guns, and an occasional Spanish doubloon.

CHILDREN'S DAY IN NORWAY

Norway's National Day, celebrated this week—on May 17—is a children's day.

On this day every year the children of Oslo rise before the birds begin to sing and wake their parents. They are all excited, for nearly everyone has a new dress and new shoes to wear in the children's procession, the chief event of the day.

Oslo's main street, beflagged for the great day, becomes full of life and colour as crowds gather on either side to watch the children file past. School after school in uniform, or in different types of national dress, moves forward, singing and cheering as they wave their flags. Each school has its banner and its own special band.

Up the hill the children march until they stand before the palace, where the King and the people meet to greet each other and rejoice in the freedom that is theirs.

Suddenly, the well-known strains of the National Anthem ring through the air, and the crowd bursts into chorus as the King appears on the balcony.

The schools file before the

King waving their flags and singing as they pass. For about three hours the procession of school-children flows on with songs and cheers.

The rest of the day is spent in entertainments, especially for children. Sports and games and concerts are held in parks and on commons. There are matinees and theatrical shows in which national dancing is a feature.

On this special evening all children are allowed to stay up to watch the fireworks and illuminations.

Every year, May 17 turns a new leaf in the annals of the Norwegian kingdom. The children

GORDON'S GUITAR

Gordon Staples, 17-year-old pupil of King James's Grammar School, Knaresborough, has made his own guitar, which is the admiration of the school.

Gordon used spruce, sycamore, and beech, and estimates the total cost at £3. The guitar was made in his spare time during the past month.

The next thing is to learn to play it!

dren know all about the traditions of "Norge's Birthday." They will tell you how the great patriot, Henrik Wergeland, started National Day with its special children's procession.

Norway, although then still under the rule of Swedish kings, gained her own very democratic constitution in 1814, but celebration of the anniversary was forbidden by the king.

However, on May 17 in 1827 a large number of people assembled at the Oslo harbour to welcome two new ships which had been built in England for Norway. One of the ships was called the Constitution.

As she sailed in, Wergeland cheered and hailed her with the cry "Long live the Constitution!" This was echoed on every side, and May 17 has been celebrated as National Day ever since.

It was not until 1905 that Norway became independent and elected her own king. Then National Day developed into what it is now, a grandly celebrated day of freedom handed down as a heritage to all Norwegian children.

CLIVE OF INDIA—new picture-story of the soldier who founded an empire (6)



Clive rallied his men and led them back to the bullet-swept gully. His scouts told him the French rear in the orchard was unguarded, so he sent part of his force, under cover of darkness, to attack the enemy from behind. Taken by surprise, some of the French surrendered and others fled. Clive had won another decisive battle, for Duplex's men had intended to trap him here at Koveripak, and then recapture Arcot.



Clive returned to Fort St. David where, later, Major Lawrence arrived from England and was given command of the English forces. He and Clive were old friends, and the younger man cheerfully accepted the subordinate position. They marched off with 1500 men to relieve Trichinopoly, besieged by Duplex's people. Near the town they divided their force into two, Lawrence commanding one, and Clive the other.



One night Clive's sentries, deceived by English deserters serving with the French, allowed an enemy force to march right into their position in a village. Clive ran out from the house where he had been sleeping, received two sword cuts, and found himself surrounded by Frenchmen! Keeping his head, he told them they were themselves trapped. Taken in by his confident bearing, three gave in and the others ran off.



There was great confusion now, the enemy and the English being mixed up together. Clive, who had to be supported by two soldiers because he was weak from loss of blood, went to a big house occupied by the enemy. At the gateway he called on them to surrender. One of the English deserters in the garden fired at him and missed. Clive had another of his lucky escapes when the two soldiers holding him up were hit.

The relief of Trichinopoly is evidently going to be a difficult task. See next week's instalment

CN BOOKSHELF

HIMALAYAN SAGA

K2: *The Savage Mountain*, by Charles Houston and Robert Bates (Collins, 25s.)

THIS is a stirring account of the 1953 American expedition to K2—Mount Godwin-Austen, as it is sometimes called—the world's second highest mountain.

Written by two of the seven men who succeeded in establishing a camp within 3000 feet of the summit, it tells how the party had to turn back because one of them was found to be suffering from a dangerous disease.

In an appalling blizzard, his six companions attempted the nightmare task of taking him down to safety. They failed, and barely escaped with their own lives.

But though K2 remained unconquered, and stark tragedy intervened, in terms of human endeavour and courage this must surely rank as a wonderful success story.

SAGE OF ATHENS

Socrates—*The Man Who Dared to Ask*, by Cora Mason (G. Bell and Sons, 9s. 6d.)

THE voice of Socrates here seems to speak to us across 24 centuries. We stand with the young people of ancient Athens listening to him enthralled, and we follow the immortal teacher's life, a great adventure, to its last heroic scene.

TRUANT OF THE PRAIRIE

The Boy Who Ran Away, by Josephine Phelan (Macmillan, 10s. 6d.)

A GREAT love of adventure, or an unhappy home life, must have been needed to make a boy run away in the Canada of pioneer days. It was something of both with Asher Mundy, the boy in this yarn: an unkind step-mother, and an artist friend who intended to paint pictures of Indians. The boy went with him, and his experiences among Indians and voyageurs make this a story to carry you along like a canoe on the rapids.

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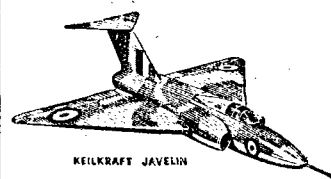
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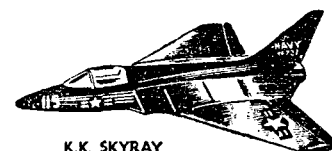
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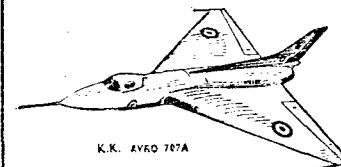
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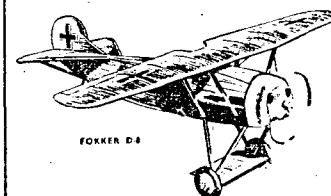
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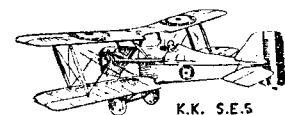
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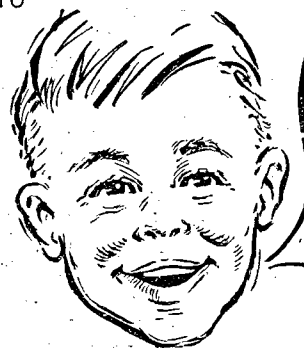
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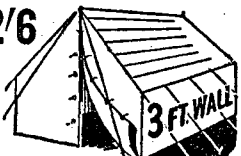
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Motoring hazards in Africa

Drivers in Africa have more than the usual share of road problems. In the top picture, baboons at the Cape of Good Hope show scant respect for a car's paintwork. If they get into a car they will steal anything they can lay hands on—and their bite can be dangerous. In the next picture a giraffe in Kenya evidently considers himself above such details as road safety. But among the most awkward pedestrians are elephants; the one in the bottom picture, in the Congo, is quite liable to attack the car if he takes a dislike to it.

Searching for the Santa Maria

An American expedition has gone to the shores of Haiti to search for the remains of Christopher Columbus's Santa Maria. This was the ship, of course, in which the great explorer discovered the New World 463 years ago, and the relics would be a priceless historic treasure for America.

According to the records of Columbus's first voyage, there would not seem to be a great deal of the Santa Maria left to find. She went aground on the north coast of Haiti late in the year 1492, and had to be unloaded and abandoned. Columbus left her crew of some 44 men to start a colony on the island while he sailed for Europe in the Niña, which, with the Pinta, formed the fleet of three ships which took part in this great voyage of discovery.

These first Spanish settlers in Haiti built a fort called La Navidad with timbers from the stranded Santa Maria. But when Columbus returned on his second voyage he found that the fort had been burnt, and the colonists had dispersed.

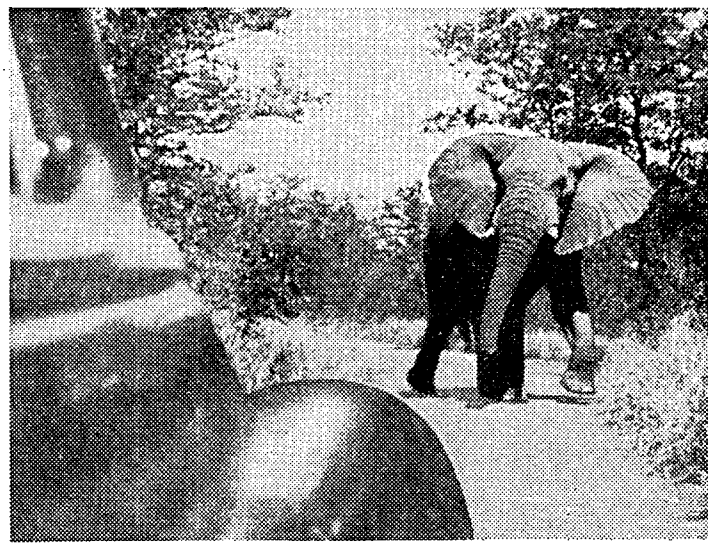
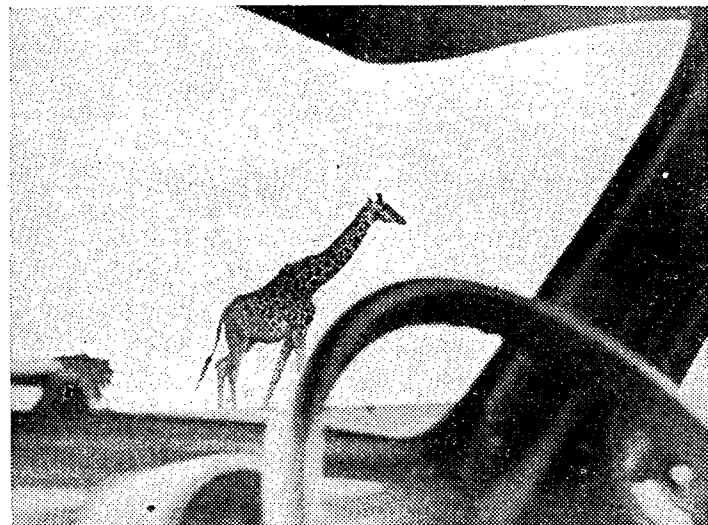
THRILLING SPECULATION

Certainly the men of the Santa Maria could not have brought the whole ship ashore, and we can well imagine how a modern American's imagination leaps at the thought of what may still lie on or under the sea bed for a skilful diver to find. How thrilling a ship's bell or even an anchor from the Santa Maria would be!

CONFIDENCE

Confident of success is the leader of the present search party, Mr. Edwin A. Link, the inventor of the celebrated Link Trainer for airmen. He feels sure that some remains of history's most famous ship can be recovered; indeed, he believes that he has charted to within a mile or two the spot where she lies in the waters of Limonade Reef.

The 1955 expedition are using a specially equipped vessel, the Sea Diver, and their search is being carried out in collaboration with the Smithsonian Institution of Washington.



Fire-fighting by helicopter

The helicopter is proving a wonderful ally for forest fire-fighters in Ontario.

Airborne forest rangers spotting a fire from the seaplane land at the nearest lake, then hack their way through the bush, sometimes for hours, before they arrive at the scene of the outbreak.

That method is becoming outdated. With the helicopter, they can land in a clearing near the fire, and the helicopter can then shuttle back and forth from the blaze with supplies of water.

Helicopters themselves have proved potent fire-fighters when equipped with water bombs. Large paper bags, each holding 3½ gallons of water and weighing 35 lb., are dropped on the fringe of the fire to prevent it from spreading while the teams of fire-

fighters are making their way to the scene of the fire.

Last summer a remarkable experiment was carried out in which a helicopter carrying several hundred feet of hose, attached one end of the hose to a pumping unit by a lake, unrolled it over the tree tops, then directed the water on to a fire nearly a quarter of a mile away.

BETTER AIRPORT FOR BUENOS AIRES

The Aeroparque airport at Buenos Aires is being made into one of the most modern in the world. At present it gets overcrowded and is not big enough for the biggest aircraft; so another mile is to be added to the main runway, and the airport buildings are also to be expanded.

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An exciting new serial by MALCOLM SAVILLE

THE SECRET OF BUZZARD SCAR

The Richardson children—Sally, Paul, and Veronica—have been invited to spend a fortnight's holiday with their friends the Langtons in East Gill, a small village in Yorkshire. Mr. Richardson, who could not go with them, tells the children some North Country legends and promises them that their stay will be exciting.

2. The mysterious letter

THE following Saturday morning Sally woke almost as soon as it was light. The curtains were drawn and outside the sky was grey. Today was the great day! In only a few hours they would be on their way to Yorkshire and at six o'clock the car party from the vicarage was due to leave.

Then she remembered that Paul and she were alone in the house because their mother and father had gone off to Bourne-mouth yesterday. Veronica, who was going in the Langtons' car, was sleeping at the vicarage.

Sally jumped out of bed and ran across the landing to wake her brother—no easy task.

"Save your breath, sister," he said furiously, when at last she roused him, "I wouldn't hurry too much. They'll never be ready at the vicarage and I bet the car won't start. I must have some breakfast before we go to the station, Sall. I can't travel to Yorkshire on an empty tum."

At the vicarage

"Have you forgotten that Daddy gave us a pound so that we could eat on the train . . . Come on, Paulo, let's see what's happening at the vicarage. Do please hurry."

Paul was never sulky for long and ten minutes later they were in the vicarage drive. The old car, with a lot of luggage tied to the roof, was outside the porch. The front door was open, and at the foot of the stairs Hugh and Veronica were sitting side by side,

having been told by Mrs. Langton to keep out of the kitchen. On the top landing Elizabeth, in pyjamas and dressing-gown, was leaning over the banisters.

"I'm not much behind," she explained. "Come and help me pack, Sall. I can never get everything in by myself."

"All right, Liz. I know what that means," Sally sighed. "You go and help in the kitchen, Paul."

Paul liked what happened in kitchens anyway, so he walked down the stone-flagged hall and



The ancient car jerked forward a few inches and the engine stalled!

pushed open the door leading to the enormous back regions of the vicarage. Here he was welcomed by Mrs. Langton who, cutting piles of sandwiches, said that he and Sally had better stay to breakfast. This suited Paul but it was nearly an hour before the car party was ready to start.

The vicar, beaming at Sally, Elizabeth, and Paul standing anxiously on the lawn, let in the clutch. The ancient car jerked forward a few inches and the engine stalled! Paul stifled a giggle as the self-starter whined, but Sally had her hand to her mouth in shocked sympathy. Mr.

Langton started again very gently, and with a crackle of gravel the car moved forward in a cloud of smoke from the exhaust.

"I hate them going like that," Sally said at last. "I suppose it's silly, but I wish we were all going together. You'd better lock up, and come back with us now, Liz. We haven't really got much time."

They helped Elizabeth with her suitcases and then hurried back home to the Wise Owl bookshop.

"Phelphy is coming early to see us off," Sally explained as she unlocked the shop door. "She's going off for a fortnight today, too. Dad hated the idea of closing the shop but there wasn't anything else that we could do."

Meeting Phelphy

Phelphy was the affectionate name given by the Richardson children to the elderly Miss Phelps, who was their father's only assistant. They had only been in the house a few minutes when she arrived and called up the stairs:

"I trust you are all ready. You had better be going now."

Sally glanced round to see that she had left everything reasonably tidy and then led the way downstairs in time to hear Phelphy greeting Elizabeth.

"Good morning, my dear! I wish you all the very happiest of holidays. I trust that the vicarage party got off safely."

"Only just," Paul said. "And we hope you have a jolly good holiday, too, and that when you come back you'll be so brown that we shan't be able to recognise you."

Phelphy ignored this rather silly remark and said:

"I have something for you, Sally."

A surprise

She took an envelope from her pocket. "It is a surprise, but you must promise to do exactly as I say. You'll notice that a message is typed on the outside of this envelope. Before I pass it into your keeping you will promise to accept it without asking any questions and to obey the instructions. Do you promise?"

"Of course I do. But may I read the message first, Phelphy?"

Miss Phelps handed over the envelope. The message read:

Sally Richardson. Not to be opened until you are on the train from Darlington to Richmond.

"I promise," Sally said. "But if you're playing a trick on us, Phelphy, we shall never forgive you."

Miss Phelps smiled. "You promised that you wouldn't ask any questions. Goodbye to you all, and good luck."

None of them had been to King's Cross before and as it was

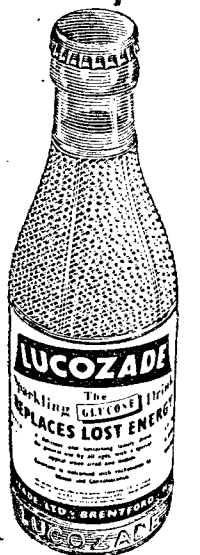
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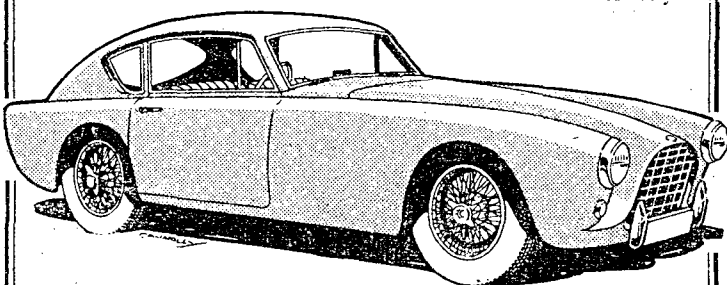
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The boys and their assistant-master, Mr. Frederick Bell, hope to take over a 4-acre field, build a greenhouse there, and add market gardening to their activities.

The young farmers sell eggs, poultry, and fur to buy foodstuffs and additional stock. The Huddersfield Education Authority has made them a £100 grant.



Airport radar

One of the two long-range radar units at the new Air Traffic Control Centre at London Airport.

LIBRARY OF TEN MILLION BOOKS

Unheralded and unsung, the ten millionth book found its way to the shelves of the Library of Congress, the biggest library in the United States.

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Among many unusual books, the library counts the smallest book in existence, an edition of the Rose Garden by Omar Khayyam which is no larger than a fingernail. It also claims one of the largest books ever printed—John J. Audubon's Birds of America which is more than 36 inches in height.

IF YOU FIND A LION, RING THE BELL

Tired out after a long ride, an African parked his cycle against a tree in the Kruger National Park district and lay down for a rest. He dozed off and some time later was awakened by a sniffing noise.

When he opened his eyes he found a fully grown lion standing over him.

Jumping up with a howl, he grabbed his bicycle and rang the bell furiously. The lion, apparently, disliked the noise and loped off into the bush.

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HOARD OF PEARLS

Men working on Cubagua, an island in the Caribbean Sea belonging to Venezuela, have found nine lb. of pearls buried in the ruins of one of South America's first cities. Nueva Cadiz, which was founded by Spanish colonists in 1516.

It is calculated that the pearls were worth about £100,000 at the time they were buried, but they have lain in the ground so long that their present value is considerably less.

The island was formerly famous for its pearl fishery.

THE SECRET OF BUZZARD SCAR

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seldom that the Richardsons went to London it was not surprising that they were rather bewildered by the noise and crowds. Their express, which left at 10.15, was the longest train they had ever seen, but they soon found the coach marked C4 in which seats had been reserved for them.

"We're in there," Sally said indistinctly, gripping the tickets in her teeth. "Get in, Paul."

Their seats were the only ones reserved in the compartment, and much to Paul's disgust a woman with a small boy sucking a lollipop took the other two corner seats. Just as the guard was blowing his whistle, however, the door opened and a young man carrying a big rucksack pushed his way in and looked round with a rude stare as he sat in the remaining seat.

He was thin and rather tall with sandy hair which grew down each side of his face in old-fashioned whiskers. He wore glasses which magnified his eyes so that they looked like brown pebbles, green corduroy trousers, an open-necked shirt, and a shabby sports jacket.

As the train moved Paul jumped from his place to look out of the window. Unfortunately he jumped on the stranger's foot.

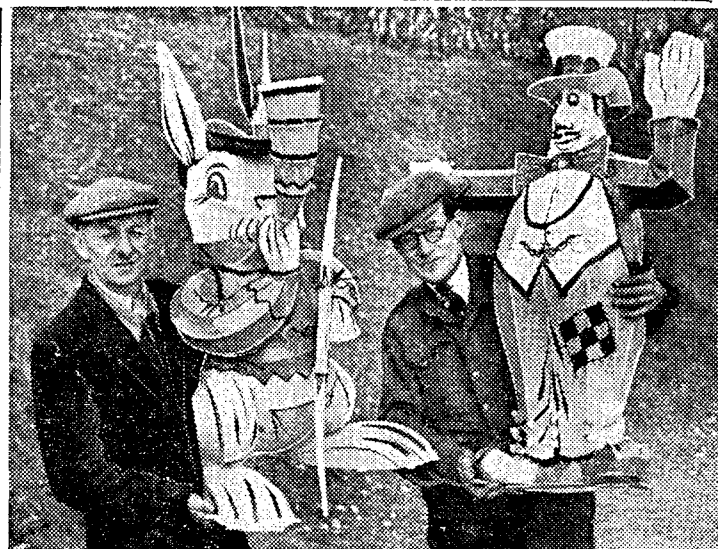
Dull journey

"Sit down in your seat, boy, and stop fidgeting," he muttered.

Paul could not hear because his head was not in the compartment, so Sally apologised for him. "I'm sure he's sorry he trod on you but he gets very excited about trains. Nobody could expect him to sit still all the time."

The stranger only grunted.

It was not an exciting journey. The country on each side of the



For a fairy-tale garden

These jolly plastic figures are being taken to the new garden filled with fairy-tale characters which will attract young visitors at Hastings this summer. The figures are transparent and can be illuminated from the inside after dark.

ENEMY IN THE MIRROR

During a cottage fire at Gedding, Suffolk, furniture was removed to the garden, and a mirror was placed against a tree.

Seeing its image in the glass a blue tit attacked it violently. Eventually the mirror was moved before the bird injured itself.

ROBIN ON CASH REGISTER

This year there have been the usual reports of birds building their nests in strange places, but a Nottingham robin perhaps takes the prize. It laid five eggs in a letter tray standing on a cash register in the busy office of a scrap metal firm.

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The Children's Newspaper, May 21, 1955

In the post since 1871

A metal sphere recently found floating in a backwater of the Seine by children near Bazoches-les-Bray, contained 20 letters dated between November 1870 and January 1871, all addressed to people in Paris, 60 miles up river, and all bearing ten centime or 15 centime stamps.

The sphere has been identified as one of the containers used by the post office at Moulins, in the Allier, to deliver mail to Paris when the city was besieged by the Germans. Letters were sealed in the containers and thrown into the Seine in the hope that they would be carried to Paris by the current.

This latest find is thought to have been in the river since it was released over 80 years ago. It has now been sent to the museum of Bray-sur-Seine.

MUSICAL AUSTRIA

Austrians are among the most musical people in the world. According to a survey by the Austrian Gallup Poll Institute, one in every four of her citizens plays a musical instrument.

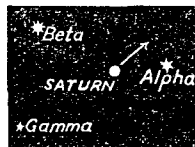
The piano is the favoured instrument of 12 per cent of them, the accordion of six per cent, and the violin of four per cent. The zither, once the most favoured instrument, has fallen to a low place, played by only 3.5 per cent.

LOOKING AT THE SKY

MYSTERIES OF THE PLANET SATURN

SATURN is now well placed for observation in the south-east sky in the evening and may be readily identified as the brightest object there—but not, owing to the prolonged twilight, until between 9.30 and ten o'clock. Its position relative to the bright stars Alpha and Beta in Libra will make identification certain.

When the sky becomes quite dark the brilliance of Saturn will



The present position of Saturn, with the stars Alpha and Beta in Libra.

be more apparent and this year it appears brighter than it has for the past ten years. This is because of the ever-widening angle at which the planet's grand ring system is being presented toward the Earth; whereas the full apparent width of the rings from right to left amounts to 42 seconds-of-arc, the foreshortened axis from top to bottom amounts to 15 seconds-of-arc. The rings will continue to open out more and more for the next five years.

We are, as it were, looking down upon the upper or northern surface of these rings, as seen

through a telescope, in the midst of which the great sphere of Saturn appears to float, hiding the upper rim of the rings. Were the rings of water Saturn would float for the matter composing it is but .69 of an equal volume of water. Saturn is, in fact, the lightest of all the planets of the Solar System (the Earth in proportion to size is the heaviest.)

Most of the material composing Saturn must therefore be very light and gaseous as compared with our world, for though it is about 763 times the size of the Earth it is only 95 times as heavy.

COLOURED CLOUDS

The planet has without doubt a hard and heavy central core far down beneath that vast swirling mass of clouds and vapour which, from their varied hues—chiefly light yellow and greenish-grey—show them to be composed of different elements at different temperatures. Methane, a composition of carbon and hydrogen, is most in evidence, with ammonia, a compound of nitrogen and hydrogen, present in a lesser degree. But there is no evidence of life-giving oxygen, though being a heavy gas it may be present in the remote depths far below the surface.

Indeed, it is not impossible that on Saturn there may be a colossal ocean resembling our terrestrial oceans and teeming with strange life. All that is needed is sufficient warmth, and this, oddly enough, has been revealed, for precise measurements have shown that Saturn's surface possesses a degree of warmth not accounted for by the small amount of heat received from the Sun.

BRILLIANT OBJECT

Saturn, being at an average distance of some 886 million miles from the Sun, receives only about one-tenth of the heat that the Earth receives, the Sun appearing only as a tiny disc in its sky.

Yet so immense is Saturn—its equatorial diameter is about 75,000 miles, and the ring system 171,000 miles—that it presents the brilliant object of reflected sunlight that we now observe, even though it be 835 million miles away. I shall mention this planet again before long.

G.F.M.

CHURCH BEFORE THE TRIP

The Vicar of Axminster is going to hold a special service for children in the church at 9.30 every Sunday morning this summer.

In his annual report he states that it has to be faced that the Continental Sunday had come to Britain. Parents work hard during the week and it was good for them to go off to the seaside with their families on Sunday, to get exercise in the health-giving sun.

He invites parents to attend the service with their children before going off for the day.

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3 Is the "Tour de France" (a) the tower of Chartres cathedral, (b) a holiday in Paris, (c) a cycle race round France?

4 Are Dunlop tyres made (a) only in Great Britain, (b) only in the Commonwealth, (c) in every continent in the world?

5 What was the "Royal Progress"? (a) the State opening of Parliament, (b) the Prince Regent's career, (c) a tour through the Kingdom by the reigning Monarch?



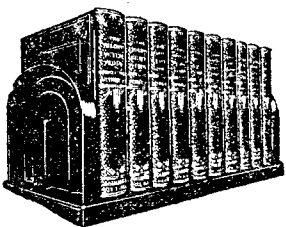
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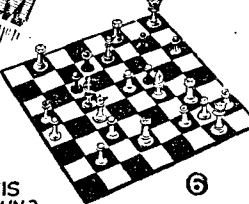
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REARRANGE THIS PHRASE TO SPELL A GIRL'S NAME



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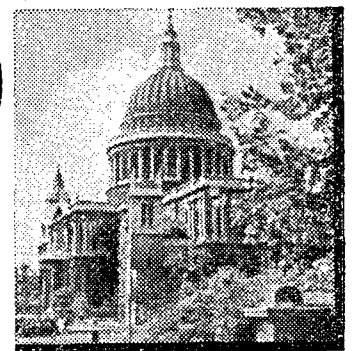


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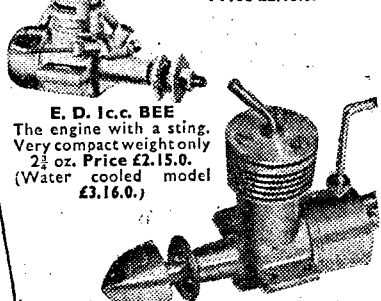
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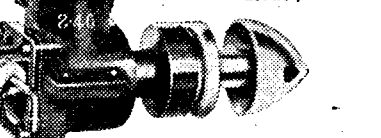
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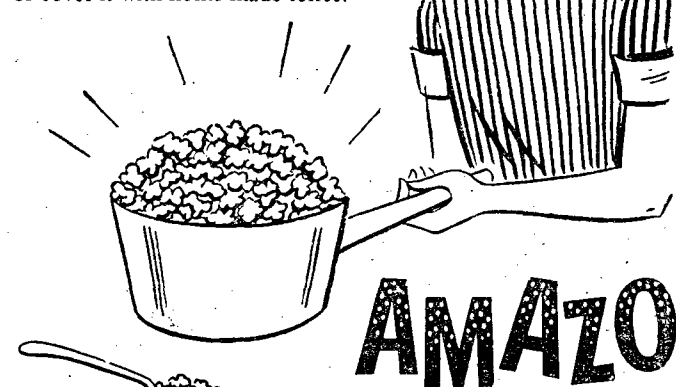
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SPORTS SHORTS

THE English footballers complete their three-match Continental tour on Sunday when they meet Portugal at Oporto. The countries have met three times, and England have won on each occasion, with a goals total of 20 against five. In 1947, at Lisbon, England won 10-0. But it is most unlikely that Sunday's match will produce such a score for Portuguese football has made rapid progress during the past year or two.

Record-seeker



Brian Hewson, of Mitcham in Surrey, training for the mile he hopes one day to run in 3 minutes 57 seconds.

VICTOR BARN, former world table tennis champion, returned recently from a coaching spell in India. Among the promising young players he assisted was 12-year-old J. C. Vhora, an Indian boy who may be soon be well known in this country. He is shortly coming to Harrow School to continue his education.

ALTHOUGH amateur boxing has always been popular on Merseyside, it was not until recently that a representative from that part of England had ever won an A.B.A. championship title. Now Merseyside boasts two champions—20-year-old Liverpool dock porter Frank Hope, who took the middleweight title; and 18-year-old David Rent, apprentice fitter from Bootle, who is the new light-heavy-weight champion.

Their charm

THE South African cricketers, who make their first official visit of the tour to Lord's at the weekend to meet the M.C.C., have brought with them a South African flag—to be flown only at Test Matches. It was presented to skipper Jack Cheatham by J. H. Human, former Cambridge University, Berkshire, and Middlesex cricketer, who now resides in Sydney. The flag is regarded as a "lucky charm" by the South Africans, for of the 12 Tests at which it has flown, South Africa have won seven and drawn three.

The first All-Blacks

FIFTY years ago a New Zealand Rugby football team was preparing to travel to Britain. They were the players of 1905, referred to in newspapers of that year as "The All-Blacks," because of their shirts, shorts, and stockings. In fact, they were the "original" All-Blacks, and every New Zealand Rugby team since then has been given this title.

Ten of the 1905 players are still living; nine in New Zealand and one in England. The New Zealand Rugby Union is to invite these ten veterans to be its guests at test matches with the Australian Rugby team which is to tour New Zealand in the middle of this year.

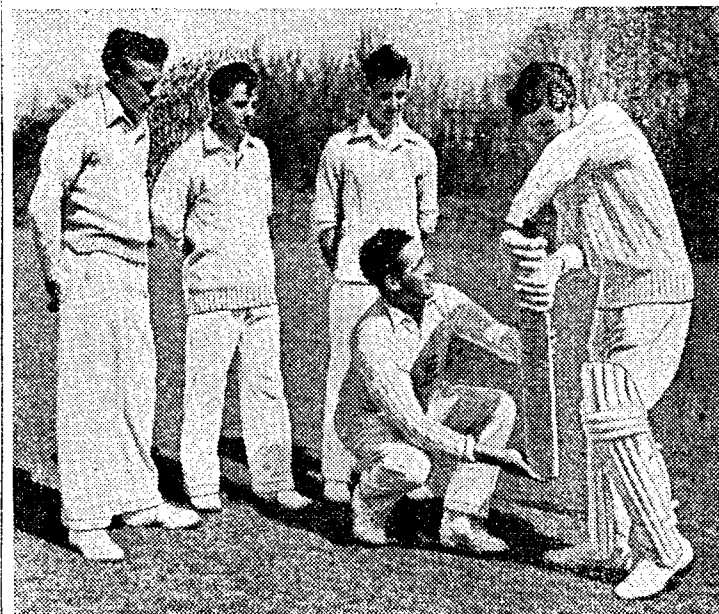
Kicking to success

ANN MORTON, 17-year-old Blackpool schoolgirl, may this summer become one of the world's finest butterfly swimmers. She did not start using the butterfly stroke until last September, but already she has come within two seconds of the world 100-yards record. She recently set up a new British record of 21.4 seconds for the 110 yards butterfly race.

ST. ANDREWS will be the scene this weekend of the Walker Cup match, between the amateur golfers of Britain and America. This will be the 15th contest for the cup presented in 1922 by George Herbert Walker, one-time President of the U.S. Golf Association, but only once has Britain held the trophy. That was in 1938—at St. Andrews, incidentally.

Jean must wait

A big disappointment for 15½-year-old Jean Forbes of South Africa was the discovery that players at Wimbledon must be 16. But if she is not playing this year, Jean will make many appearances there in years to come, for she is undoubtedly the world's most promising tennis player of her age.



This is how it's done

Trevor Bailey, the Essex and England all-rounder, gives some advice to young members of the Essex County Cricket Club, at Chelmsford.

BLEDDYN WILLIAMS, one of the finest Rugby centre three-quarters in the post-war game, and winner of 22 Welsh caps, has decided to retire—to make way for younger men. His retirement will be a great loss to Welsh Rugby—and to the game in general.

To ensure that the Miami University running track was as smooth and firm as possible for Wes Santee's recent attack on the world one-mile record, 2500 gallons of oil were poured over it and hundreds of men engaged just to trample on the surface.

ANOTHER "Mile of the Century" is scheduled to take place in Hollywood next month. American champion Wes Santee, world record holder John Landy, and Chris Chataway have all been invited to take part.

In their stride

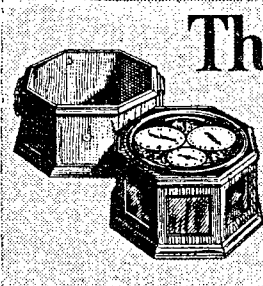
TWO of Britain's leading athletes are breaking new ground this year. Young Roger Dunkley, who was developing into one of our best milers, is to try steeple-chasing; and Geoffrey Elliott, our leading pole-vaulter, is to race over the high hurdles. Both these athletes have been trained by Geoffrey Dyson, Britain's chief national coach.

Proud record

ALTHOUGH the Rugby season is now finished, it is worth mentioning the proud record of the West Hartlepool Grammar School team. In the past three seasons they have lost only one match—and that was two years ago. This season they totalled 774 points against their opponents' 42.

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OUT OF PLACE

Which of these things is out of place?

Hand, ear, mussel, leg, elbow.

Answer in column 5

SPOT THE

WATER-SHREW, his dark coat silvered with minute bubbles as he runs about the bed of a clear stream seeking food. He is the



largest shrew found in Britain, measuring about 3½ inches, exclusive of the long tail

which he uses, when swimming at great speed, rather like a rudder. Submerged, his ears are nearly closed by little valves.

When hunting insects and snails in the water he seldom ventures far from the bank.

Water-shrews burrow into a stream's bank. The far end of this tunnel is lined with roots, grass, and moss, in which a family of from five to eight young are reared. At six weeks of age they are able to fend for themselves.

SPORTS AT THE ZOO



WHEN e'er the sun shines at the zoo
The animals know just what to do.
A cricket match is soon arranged,

And though much backchat is exchanged,
Every one of them conspires
To "play the game"—without umpires.

BEDTIME TALE—BILLY STICKS TO HIS JOB

BILLY was rather worried when he found that his yacht had sprung a leak.

"Oh, we'll soon fix that," said Daddy. "I'll put a patch on it."

But Billy could not wait for Daddy to come home from the office to fix it. He found a tube of glue in the toolbox and a piece of rubber. Then he went into the bathroom to repair the boat and to test it.

At that moment Mummy came into the bathroom—and nearly tripped over a piece of loose lino. "Oh, that wretched lino," she exclaimed. "I must get Daddy to nail it down before someone hurts themselves."

Billy finished patching the boat,

and put it into the half-filled bath. It floated. His patch was a success.

"Hurray," Billy shouted. He gave a little dance—and stepped right onto the tube of glue.

His joy soon turned to dismay as he saw the sticky mess on the floor. He was just about to wipe it up when he had an idea . . .

That evening, after tea, Mummy reminded Daddy about the loose lino in the bathroom.

"Oh, yes," said Daddy. "it's rather dangerous as it is. I'll do it right away."

"Don't bother, Daddy," said Billy. "I knew you were busy so I stuck it down with the tube of glue from your toolbox!"

RIDDLE-ME-REE

My first is in slumber but not in sleep;

My next is in peering, also in peep;

My third is in eiderdown (lovely and soft);

My fourth is in frequently, also in oft;

My fifth is in night but not in day;

My sixth is in dream but not in play;

My last is in evening, afternoon, too;

My whole comes too early for me and for you.

Just when we are having a real royal time,

We are told of the answer to this little rhyme!

Answer in column 5

COLLECTOR'S PIECE

THERE was an old lady of Ottery

Who had a great passion for pottery.

Her joy was intense

When for just a few pence

She won a fine vase in a lottery.

HOWLERS

THE American flag has often been referred to as the Tarzan Stripes.

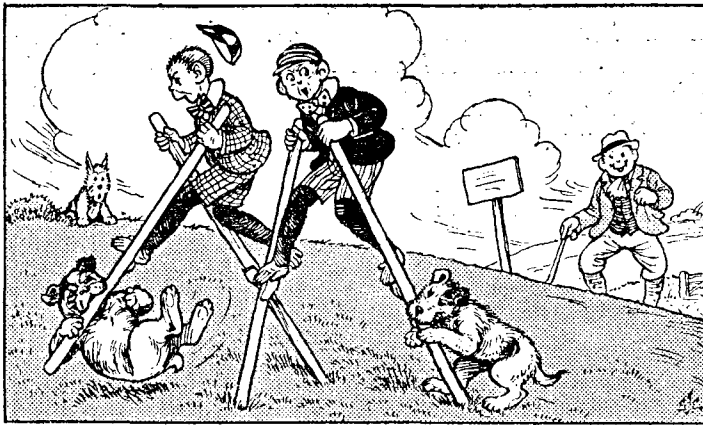
Six animals peculiar to Africa are four elephants and two lions.

A semibreve is half a breath.

R.I.P. means: Reply if you please.

Prima Facie: Without make-up.

JACKO AND CHIMP RISE AND FALL



Jacko and Chimp had been forbidden to walk on Farmer Giles's land. But the clowns soon found a way of 'getting over that—at least they thought they did. Their idea was to use stilts. That, they argued, meant that they would not have to walk on the ground! However, they were soon brought down to earth—by the farmer's dogs, and then they were on the ground. And that meant a very uncomfortable five minutes as the farmer led them out of his field by the ear!

WHAT . . .

. . . is the difference between a hill and a pill?

One is hard to get up, and the other is hard to get down.

GIVE HIM SOCKS

"I MUST have a wage increase, sir, or I can't get my shoes repaired," said the office boy.

"Oh dear, I'm afraid you'll have to leave then," replied his employer. "I can't have you running around in your socks."

NURSERY RHYME QUIZ

WHAT frightened Miss Muffet away?

Whose garden grew such strange bells and shells?

The Queen was in the parlour. Where was the maid, and what was she doing?

Who answered: "Yes, sir, yes, sir, three bags full?"

What jewellery adorns the fine lady on a white horse?

Answer in column 5

MARRIAGE VOW

SAID a frivolous lady named Doris:

"If I can't find a man who's called Boris

To marry some time,

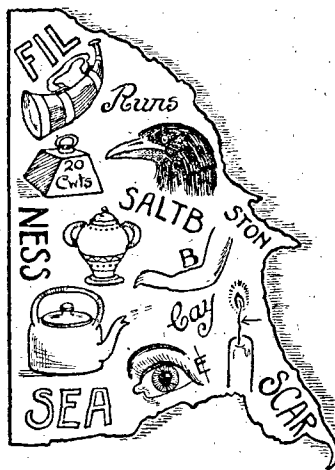
Since I do love a rhyme,

It will have to be Maurice or Horace."

PROBLEM PLACES

THE answers to this picture puzzle are all resorts in Yorkshire. To solve, combine a group of letters with one of the objects.

Answer in column 5



FIND THE FISH

Find words to fit the following clues, then add a letter to each one to make the name of a fish.

The letters you add will spell the name of another fish.

A CHANNEL ISLAND

Weep

Always

Set down

Quantity of paper

Almost running

Put to flight

Answer below

CAPITAL FISH

PLENTY of villages have streams running through them. But it is rare indeed to find a stream—and a trout stream at that—running through a capital city.

Such is Edinburgh's Water of Leith, which every year is stocked with brown trout by the Edinburgh Corporation and Works Committee. They put in some 3000 brown trout at the end of March, just in time for the beginning of the fishing season.

STAMP ALBUM ANSWER

Turkey

ANSWERS TO WORD QUIZ

1a, 2c, 3b, 4a, 5a

BRAN TUB ANSWERS

Out of place. Mussel. All the others are parts of our body. Riddle-me-ree. Bedtime

Nursery rhyme quiz. A big spider; Mary, Mary. Quite Contrary: In the garden, hanging out the clothes; The Black Sheep; Rings on her fingers

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER

Problem places.

Filey, Runswick,

Cayton, Saltburn,

Hornsea, Kettle-

ness, Ravenscar,

Barnston

Find the fish.

S(h)ark, cr(a)y,

cl(iver, plat(i)ce,

(b)ream, tro(u)t

(t)roat

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What do you know?



1. Can you identify these ruins?



2. What sort of a ship is this?



3. What race do these people belong to?



4. Do you know the name of this old lady?

"Hullo, everyone! Yes, it's Sir Kreemy Knut again, with another set of General Knowledge questions for you. Can you identify the people and things in these pictures? If you're stumped, turn this advertisement upside-down for the answers. One last question: who makes the most mouth-watering toffee of all? Of course—Sharp's the word for Toffee!"

Sharps the word for Toffee



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